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LLM Representative Charles E. Bennett (D., Fla.) 1 June 1970

SUGGESTED REPLY

STATOTHR Dear [redacted]

This is in response to your inquiry on whether the Central Intelligence Agency or other secret organization controls Air America.

As you may know, CIA does not comment on public speculation concerning its activities. This policy flows from statutes pertaining to CIA which are spelled out in detail in the informational brochure I am sending you and which I hope you will find of interest.

While the law requires the Director of Central Intelligence to protect "intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure," I can assure you that CIA is subject to scrutiny within both the Executive and Legislative branches. In the Congress four separate subcommittees review CIA's activities and provide it with funds.

I hope this letter has been responsive to your interests. Please let me know if I can help you further on this or any other matter.

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